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Practitioner's Docket No. 344.07-US1

CHAPTER II

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER
TO THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US)**
(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)

PCT/US00/02837	03 February 2000 (3.02.00)	05 February 1999 (5.02.99)
International Application Number	International Filing Date	International Earliest Priority Date

TITLE OF INVENTION: WEIGHT BEARING SYSTEMS AND METHODS RELATING TO SAME

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Washington D.C. 20231
ATTENTION: EO/US

1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. Section 371:

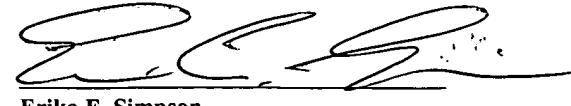
- a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. Section 371(f)).
- b. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. Section 1.492) as indicated below:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.10*

(Express Mail label number is mandatory.)

(Express Mail certification is optional.)

I hereby certify that this paper, along with any document referred to, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date July 31, 2001, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," mailing Label Number EL809910734US, addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.



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2. Fees

CLAIMS FEE*	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALC-ULATIONS	
	TOTAL CLAIMS	28 -20 =	8	x \$18.00 =	\$144.00	
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 - 3 =	0	x \$80.00 =	\$0.00	
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$270.00					
	U.S. PTO WAS INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY Where an International preliminary examination fee as set forth in Section 1.482 has been paid on the international application to the U.S. PTO: and the international preliminary examination report states that the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness) and industrial activity, as defined in PCT Article 33(2) to (4) have been satisfied for all the claims presented in the application entering the national stage (37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(a)(4)) \$100.00					\$100.00
	Total of above Calculations					= \$244.00
SMALL ENTITY	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Affidavit must be filed. (note 37 CFR Sections 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)					- \$122.00
	Subtotal					\$122.00
	Total National Fee					\$122.00
	Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h)). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".					\$0.00
TOTAL	Total Fees enclosed					\$122.00

*See attached Preliminary Amendment Reducing the Number of Claims.

A check in the amount of \$122.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) is not required as the application was filed in English.

5. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(3)) are transmitted herewith.

6. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(3)) is not required as the amendments were made in the English language.

7. A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409) is not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

8. Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report is/are not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

9. A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report is not required as the annexes are in the English language.

10. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. Section 115 was previously submitted by applicant on 10 April 2000.

II. Other document(s) or information included:

11. An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is not required, as the application was searched by the United States International Searching Authority.

12. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98 will be transmitted within THREE MONTHS of the date of submission of requirements under 35 U.S.C. Section 371(c).

13. Additional documents:

- a. Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
- b. International Publication No. WO 00/4645
 - Front page only
- c. Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. Section 1.121)
- d. Article 19 Amendments

14. The above items are being transmitted before 30 months from any claimed priority date.

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AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account Number 500341

37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(a)(1), (2), (3), and (4) (filing fees)

37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(b), (c), and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)

37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to Section 1.136(a))

37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(e) and (f) (surcharge fees for filing the declaration and/or filing an English translation of an International Application later than 20 months after the priority date).

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